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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 3245

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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: JULY 25-29 NON-ALIGNED FON
MINISTERS MEETING AT BELGRADE

REF: (A) STATE 178240, (B) STATE 178242, (C) STATE 183368,
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1. POL-ECON COUNSELOR AND POLITICAL OFFICER MET JULY 20
WITH MFA OFFICIAL WHO HANDLES MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS TO
CONVEY REF A TALKING POINTS AND DISCUSS ISSUES AT
BELGRADE MEETING.

2. MFA OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO EMBOFFS THAT NAM
MODERATES CONCERNED ABOUT CUBAN INFLUENCE AND
LEFTWARD TILT OF NAM. FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM
AND SINGAPORE NAM DELEGATION ARE MAKING THREE-DAY
STOPOVER IN NEW DELHI EN ROUTE BELGRADE, AT GOI'S
REQUEST, APPARENTLY PART OF MODERATES PRE-MEETING
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CONSULTATIONS.

3. EFFORTS TO CONTAIN CUBAN INFLUENCE WITHOUT
FRACTURING NAM SAID TO INCLUDE PROPOSALS TO "RE-
STRUCTURE" COORDINATING BUREAU AND TO REDEFINE
"CONSENSUS," AS USED IN NAM. RESTRUCTURING
PROPOSAL, SAID TO BE INITIATIVE OF MOROCCO AND

MAURITANIA, WOULD REPLACE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COORDINATING BUREAU BY COUNTRY HOSTING SUMMIT WITH ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP. PRESENT SYSTEM PROVIDES TOO MUCH CLOUT TO HOST, AND PROSPECT OF CUBAN CHAIRMANSHIP FOR FOUR YEARS APPARENTLY UNSETTLING. OTHER PROPOSAL, SAID TO BE INDONESIA'S INITIATIVE, IS THAT CONSENSUS BE REDEFINED TO MEAN (AS IT DOES IN UN AND MOST OTHER FORA) THAT THERE IS NO SUSTAINED OBJECTION TO A PROPOSAL. PRESENT PRACTICE IN NAM MEETINGS, APPARENTLY, IS THAT CHAIR DECLARES A CONSENSUS ON BASIS OF LOUDEST VOICES, OFTEN IGNORING SUBSTANTIAL DISAGREEMENT. INDONESIAN PROPOSAL SAID TO ENVISAGE THAT A PROPOSAL BE SHELVED IF THERE IS A COUNTRY WHICH CANNOT GO ALONG WITH IT.

4. SINGAPORE WILL PROBABLY EXPRESS RESERVATIONS ON PUERTO RICAN AND KOREAN ITEMS (PARA 11 AND 12, REFTEL B).

5. NWIO (REFTEL C); SINGAPORE ESSENTIALLY UNINTERESTED IN NON-ALIGNED NEWS AGENCY POOL IDEA.

6. COMMENT: SINGAPORE AS A SMALL COUNTRY, OBVIOUSLY INTENDS TO USE ITS DISSENTING VOICE ONLY ON ISSUES WHICH IT CONSIDERS IMPORTANT, AND WHERE IT WILL NOT BE CAUGHT IN AN EXPOSED POSITION WITHOUT "RESPECTABLE" CONFIDENTIAL

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NAM SUPPORT. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE UNSYMPATHETIC TO EQUATION OF ZIONISM AND RACISM, SINGAPORE SEEMS PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH THE MAJORITY ON THIS ISSUE. ITS GENERALLY MODERATE STANCE, HOWEVER, AND ITS PROBABLE RESERVATIONS ON THE PUERTO RICAN AND KOREAN RESOLUTIONS, ARE HELPFUL TO THE U.S. INGRAHAM

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